MINUTES

Of The

NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

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Held With
THE CHURCH AT SENTER
Ashe County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

September 10, 11 & 12, 1943

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OFFICERS

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator ------Tuckerdale, N. C.

G. E. KILBY, Clerk ----------Crumpler, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1943

The Association met persuant to adjournment of last year.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Ed Davis, the Moderator of this Association, text: John the 17th chapter and 4th verse.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer, by Eld. B. H. Blevins, a visitor from the St. Clairs Bottom Association.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches and seated the delegates.

2nd. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion, organized the Association by electing Elder Ed Davis Moderator and G. E. Kilby Clerk.

4th. On motion, called for correspondents from sister association. The following came forward and were seated and aided in council: From St Clairs Bottom, Elder H. T. Barker and Bro. J. G. Perry; Mountain, Elders A. C. Walker, C. B. Kilby, S. P. Roberts and Bro. C. S. McBride; Abbots Creek, Eld. D. P. Broadway and Bro. C. B. Owen; Roaring River, Elder C. D. Hall and Bro. Fasco Pruitt; Upper Mayo, Elder J. A. Fagg and Bro. W. W. Fagg; Fishes River, Elder F. P. Stone and Bros. H. E. Johnson and A. A. Johnson.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethren from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated: From St. Clairs Bottom, Elders C. R. Dancy and B. H. Blevins; Mountain, Elders J. M. Williams, A. L. Presnell and Bros. M. A. Higgins, Reaves Douglas, Hiram Edwards, J. M. Wagoner and J. R. Crouse; Indian Creek, Elder I. W. Kilby and Bro. A. G. Dickson.

6th. On motion, that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during this session. He appointed to the stand today Eld. H. T. Barker and Eld. I. W. Kilby.

7th. On motion, appointed a committee on the ministry as follows. Bros. T. E. Hartzog, Carl Ball and P. T. McNeill, together with the messengers of this church.

8th. On motion, appointed a committee on finance as follows: Bros. Rex P. Jones, C. N. Davis and J. F. Hartzog.

9th. On motion, appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Elds. W. W. Davis, G. D. Roten and Bro. Cicero Spencer together with the moderator, clerk; transient and visiting brethren to be seated with them.

10th. On motion, appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: Elder G. D. Roten and Bros. Felix Bare and Tom Severt.

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11th. On motion, that the committee on arrangements sit at Sister Lola Dickson's.

12th. On motion, that we adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATUDRAY MORNING, SEPT. 11, 1943

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Eld. H. T. Barker, a correspondent from the St Clairs Bottom Association.

1st. On motion, called on committee on arrangements to report. Report was received and committee discharged.

2nd. On motion, called the roll and erased absentees.

3rd. On motion, that we omit reading the constitution and rules of decorum.

4th. On motion, that correspondents that were appointed to sister associations to report. Report was received and the brethren discharged.

5th. On motion, that the committee that was to appoint correspondent to sister associations to report. The reports was as follows: To the Mountain, Eld. Ed Davis and Bro. G. E. Kilby; Roaring River, Elders Ed Davis, W. W. Davis and G. D. Roten and Brothers Tom Severt, F. T. Miller, Gordie Severt and Burl Dillard; Abbots Creek, Elders Ed Davis, G. D. Roten and W. W. Davis; St. Clairs Bottom, Elders Ed Davis, W. W| Davis, G. D. Roten and Bro. G. E. Kilby; Indian Creek, Elders Ed Davis, W. W. Davis and F. T. Miller; Upper Mayo, Elders Ed Davis, W. W. Davis, G. D. Roten; Fishes River, Elders Ed Davis, G. D. Roten and W. W. Davis and Bros. F. T. Miller and G. E. Kilby.

6th. On motion, that we continue to correspond with New River, Fishes River, Washington, Ebenezer, Ketocton, Kehukee and Powells Valley associations, by minutes.

7th. On motion, that we have the constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these minutes.

8th. On motion, that the next session of this association be held with the church at Beaver Creek, one mile south of West Jefferson, N. C., beginning on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1944 and that the moderator preach the introductory sermon.

9th. On motion, that we grant Cranberry church her request for a letter of dismission from this association.

10th. On motion, that we appoint the clerk-terasurer, to superintend the printing of these minutes, to have 1000 printed and distributed as usual.

11th. On motion, that the finance committee report. The report is as follows:

Received from all churches	$95.90
Carried over from last year	3.50
Allowed the Moderator	$ 5.00

Allowed the Clerk	5.00	
Allowed for printing minutes and postage	35.00	
Allowed for correspondence	54.40	
TOTAL	$99.40	$99.40

Given at Stand on Sunday to correspondent and visiting Elders by Brethren, Sisters and friends ---------- $137.70

12th. On motion, read the minutes.

13th. On motion, that the minutes just read be received.

14th. On motion, that we return thanks to God for His mercy and to the Brethren, Sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session and that we adjourn with prayer by Elder C. D. Hall.

ELD. ED DAVIS, Moderator
G. E. KILBY, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

For Friday—1st, Elder H. T. Barker, no special text; 2nd, Elder I. W. Kilby, text, Acts 5th chapter, 41st verse.

For Saturday—1st, Elder A. L. Pressnell, did not get text; 2nd, Elder J. W. Williams, text, Zac. 13th chapter and 7th verse; 3rd, Eld. A. G. Walker, text, Genesis 1st chapter, 3rd verse; 4th, Elder C. R. Dancy, 2nd Paul 1st chapter and 9th verse; 5th, Elder C. D. Hall, text, St. John, 5th chapter. The hour is coming and now is the—

For Sunday—1st, Elder C. B. Kilby, text, 1st chapter of St. Paul, 3rd verse; 2nd, Elder S. P. Roberts, text, 3rd chapter of St. Paul 8th verse; 3rd, Elder F. P. Stone, text, 4th chapter, songs of Solomon, 12 verse; 4th, Elder J. A. Fagg, text, 11th chapter of St. Mark, last verse; 5th, Elder D. P. Broadway, text, Romans, 8th chapter, 13th verse; with the Moderator to close.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND POST OFFICES

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder W. W. Davis	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	Sly, N. C.
Elder Blain Kilby	Rugby, Va

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Church and No. Min.	Clerks and their P. O.
Senter—70	Rex P. Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—50	F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Bear Creek—25	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek—25	P. T. McNeill, W. Jefferson, N. C.
River View—25	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork,—50	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pond Mtn.—75	J. H. Eldreth, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Horse Creek—45	Carl Ball, Lansing, N. C.
Big Helton—80	G. E. Kilby, Crumpler, N. C.
Cranberry—20	Robert Gambill, Furches, N. C.
South Fork—20	Kemper Douglas, Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

St. Clairs Bottom—30 ---------Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va
Mountain—50 ----------J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.
Indian Creek—60 ----------J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.
New River—50 ----------J. M. Dickson, Floyd, Va.
Fishes River—50 ---------- G. J. Keys, Ararat, N. C.
Washington—40 ----------J. J. Count, Cleveland, Va.
Kehukee—40 ----------B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.
Ketocton—30 ----------Eld. C. W. Miller, Roselyn, Va., Box 86
Ebenezer—30 ----------O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powells Valley—30 ----------Eld. L. S. Saylor, Pineville, Ky.
Abbots Creek—25 ---------Eld. D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.
Upper Mayo—25 ---------Eld. J. A. Fagg, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Roaring River—20 ----------J. A. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.

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9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appelation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
13. That any members who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Bever Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter church, 21st October, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized. received by letter, excluded, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the Churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any Church in the Union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shal be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New Churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any Sister Association, upon application by letter and Delegates, shall be admitted into our Union.

7. Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented in the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the Discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each Church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceeding of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the Churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of Churches; to endeavor to preserve a change of communion among the Churches; to give the Church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any Church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the Churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES—Names of Messengers and Pastors	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Elders	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex. Bap.	Restored	Rec. by Letters	Dism'sed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
SENTER—J. A. Reeves, Felix Bare and Rex P. Jones; Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	77	14.25
ROANS CREEK—F. T. Miller, Tom Severt and George Dillard; Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and W. W. Davis	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	53	7.10
BEAR CREEK—S. J. Miller, Garvey Barnes, and Earl Severt; Pastor, Elder A. L. Pressnell	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	33	3.00
RIVERVIEW—G. A. Miller, J. F. Hartzog and T. E. Hartzog; Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	8.00
NORTH FORK—Elder G. D. Roten, W. W. Miller and Jim Weaver; Pastor, Eld. G. D. Roten	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	28.00
BIG HELTON—G. E. Kilby, Cicero Spencer and Eld. Blain Kilby; Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and Blain Kilby	3	1	0	2	1	0	3	1	1	80	16.55
HORSE CREEK—Carl Ball, Millard Davis and Arthur Eldreth; Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	29	3.50
POND MOUNTAIN—Eld. Ed Davis, C. N. Davis and J. H. Eldreth; Pastor, Elder Ed Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	8.00
SOUTH FORK—Kemper Douglas, L. E. Williams; Pastor, A. L. Pressnell	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	2.25
CRANBERRY—Robt. Gambill, Ida Shepherd and Bessie Critcher; Pastors, Elds. A. L. Presnell, A. C. Walker and John Williams	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	8	1.25
BEAVER CREEK—Eder W. W. Davis, P. T. McNeill and Edd Severt	4	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	25	4.00

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G. E. KILBY, Clerk _____ Crumpler, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1945

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder G. L. Walker, a visitor from the Indian Creek Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Dewey Roten. Text: In the day of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, etc.

After a short intermission, the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by prayer by Elder B. H. Blevins, a correspondent from the St. Clair's Bottom Association.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches except South Fork, and seated the messengers.

2nd. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received none.

3rd, On motion, organized the association by electing Elder Ed Davis. Moderator and G. E. Kilby, Clerk.

4th. On motion, called for correspondents from Sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated and aided in council.

From St. Clair's Bottom: Elders B. H. Blevins, C. R. Dancy and Brother J. G. Perry.

Mountain: Eld. S. P. Roberts and Bro. C. S. McBride.

Abbott's Creek: Eld. D. P. Broadway and Bro. C. B. Owen.

Roaring River: Eld. E. A. Long and Bro. Fasco Pruitt.

Upper Mayo: Eld. J. R. Worrell.

Fisners River: None.

Indian Creek: None.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethren from Sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated.

From St. Clair's Bottom: None; Mountain: Elder C. L. Roberts and Bro. R. L. Gambill; Indian Creek, Elder G. L. Walker and Bro. Wint McNeill; Abbotts Creek: None; Roaring River: None; Upper Mayo: None; Fishers River: None.

6th. On motion, that we seat the corresponding and visiting brethren from Sister Associations.

7th. On motion, that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during this session.

8th. On motion, appointed a committee on the ministry as follows: Bros. B. O. Dolinger, Rex P. Jones and P. T. McNeill, together with the messengers of this church. Their report is as follows: For Sat. 1st. Eld. B. H. Blevins; 2nd, Eld. E. A. Long: 3rd. Eld. C. R. Dancy. For Saturday afternoon, 1st. Eld. Leo V. Bagley; 2nd. Eld. G. L. Walker.

9th On motion, appointed a committee on finance as follows: Bros. W. W. Miller, F. T. Miller, and T. E. Hartzog.

10th., On motion, appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Bros. C. G. Severt, Burl Dillard and F. O. Thompson, together with the Moderator and Clerk. Transient and visiting brethren to be seated with them.

11th. On motion, appointed a committee to appoint corres-

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pondents to Sister Associations as follows: Eld. G. D. Roten and Bros. J. C. McNeil and Tom Severt.

12th. On motion, that the committee on arrangements sit at Bro. T. E. Hartzog's.

13th, On motion, that we adjourn until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 8, 1945

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Eld. S. P. Roberts, a correspondent from the Mountain Association.

1st. On motion, called on the committee on arrangements to report. Report received and the committee discharged.

2nd. On motion, called the roll and erased absentees.

3rd. On motion, that we omit reading the constitution and rules of decorum.

4th. On motion, that the correspondents that were appointed to sister associations report. Received the report and excused those that failed to go.

5th. On motion, that the committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister associations report. The report is as follows: Mountain: Eld. Ed Davis and Bros. J. C. McNeil and G. E. Kilby.

Roaring River: Eld. Ed Davis and Bros. B. R. Dillard, Tom Severt and Callie Severt.

Abbotts Creek: Eld. Ed Davis and Bros. J. F. Hartzog and G. A. Miller.

St. Clair's Bottom: Eld. G. D. Roten and Bro. B. R. Dillard.

Indian Creek: Eld. G. D. Roten and Bros. J. C. McNeil, T. E. Hartzog and F. T. Miller.

Upper Mayo: Elds. Ed Davis, G. D. Roten and Bros. J. C. McNeil and Tom Severt.

Fishers River: Elds. G. D. Roten and Ed Davis and Bros. F. T. Miller and J. C. McNeil.

6th. On motion, that we continue to correspond with New River, Fishers River, Washington, Ebenezer, Ketocton and Powells Valley Associations by minutes.

7th. On motion, that we refrain from corresponding with the Kehukee Association by minutes.

8th. On motion, that we have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these minutes.

9th On motion, that we appoint the Clerk, Treasurer, to superintend the printing of these minutes, to have 1000 copies printd and distributed as usual.

10th. On motion, that the next session of this association be held with the church at North Fork, three miles northwest of Warrensville, and that Eld. Ed Davis preach the introductory sermon.

11th. On motion, that the finance committee report. The report is as follows:

Received from all our churches ---------- $143.58
Allowed the Moderator ----------$ 10.00

Allowed the Clerk	10.00
Allowed for printing minutes and postage	50.00
Allowed for correspondents	73.58
	$143.58

Given at stand on Sunday for corresponding and visiting Elders, by brethren, sisters and friends, $132.00.

12th. On motion, that we have the obituary of Bro. Robert M. Kilby printed in these minutes.

13th. On motion, that we seat Eld. Leo V. Bagley, a visitor from the Union Association of Georgia.

14th. On motion, that the minutes be received.

15th. On motion, that we return thanks to God for His mercy and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session, and that we adjourn with prayer by the Moderator, Eld. Ed Davis.

Elder Ed Davis, Moderator
G. E. Kilby, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

For Friday—The introductory, by Elder G. D. Roten. Text: "In the day of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, etc."

For Saturday morning—1st., Eld. B. H. Blevins. Text: Isiah. 42nd Chapter and 1st and 2nd verses; 2nd. Eld. E. A. Long. Failed to get text; 3rd. Eld. C. R. Dancy. Text: Luke, 2nd Chapter and 32nd verse.

Saturday Afternoon—1st. Eld. Leo V. Bagley. No special text: 2nd. Eld. G. L. Walker. Text: Psalms 133 chapter and 1st verse.

Saturday night at Beaver Creek Church—1st. Eld. J. R. Worrell. No special text. 2nd. Eld. Leo V. Bagley. No special text.

At Bro. J. C. McNeil's—1st. Eld. Coy Roberts. Text: "Study to show thyself a workman, etc." 2nd. Eld. Stevie Roberts. No special text; 3rd. Eld. C. R. Dancy. No special text.

Sunday Morning—1st. Eld. Coy Roberts. Text: St. John, 10th Chapter and 27th verse; 2nd. Eld. J. R. Worrell. Text: Songs of Solomon, 5th Chapter and 3rd verse; 3rd. Eld. Stevie Roberts. Text: Songs of Solomon, 2nd Chapter and 8th verse.

For Sunday Afternoon—1st. Eld. Leo Bagley. No special text. 2nd. Eld. D. P. Broadway. Text, St. John 12th Chapter and 32nd verse.

Moderator to close.

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Powells Valley—?0 _____ Dewey Burnett. Knoxville, Tenn.
Abbotts Creek—25 _____ Eld. D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C
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9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the Discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to de-

fray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and the monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of Churches; to endeavor to preserve a change of communion among the churches; to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ROBERT MILTON KILBY

Robert Milton Kilby was born June 7, 1874 and departed this life on January 24, 1945, making his stay on earth, 70 years, 7 months and 17 days.

He was married to Leanzy Evaline Farmer on June 18, 1892. To this union were born nine children, one girl and eight boys. One son, Noah B. Kilby died in infancy. Lee, Clay, Ottis, Emory and Woodrow Kilby and Mrs. Fannie Duvall, all of Rugby, Va.; Orie Kilby, of Holtwood, Pa.; and Private Smith Kilby, of Camp Blanding, Florida, survive; also 26 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren and 3 sisters survive. Mrs. Leona Farmer and Mrs. Sophronia Weaver, of Rugby, Va., and Mrs. Venia Spencer, of Elkton, Maryland; and one sister, Dora, preceded him in death a number of years ago.

He is also survived by a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing. But we feel our loss is his eternal gain.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Helton about 49 years ago and remained a faithful member until death.

Written by G. E. Kilby.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES—Names of Messengers and Pastors	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Elds.	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex. Bap.	Restored	Rec. by Letters	Dism'sed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
SENTER—Rex P. Jones, Norman Brown, Harley Blevins; Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	72	20.00
ROANS CR.—F. T. Miller, Tom Severt, F. O. Thompson; Pastor, Eld Ed Davis	4	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	55	12.50
BEAR CREEK—Callie Severt, Earl Severt; Pastor, Eld. G. D. Roten	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	4.50
RIVERVIEW—J. C. McNeil, T. E. Hartzog, J. F. Hartzog; Pastor, Eld. G. D. Roten	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	10.00
NORTH FORK—Eld G. D. Roten, W. W. Miller, Ben Miller; Pastor, Eld. G. D. Roten	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	48	30.00
BIG HELTON—G. E. Kirby, B. O. Dolinger, C. W. Spencer; Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis and Blair Kilby	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	78	31.00
HORSE CREEK—Millard Davis, Lee Landreth; Pastor, Eld. G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	27	6.00
POND MOUNTAIN—Eld. Ed Davis; Pastor, Eld. Ed Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	18.53
SOUTH FORK—Not Represented											
BEAVER CREEK—P. T. McNeill, B. R. Dillard; Pastors, Eld. Ed Davis, G. D. Roten; C. R. Dancy, C. D. Hall	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	28	11.00

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MINUTES

Of The

NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

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Held With

THE CHURCH OF NORTH FORK

Ashe County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

September 6, 7 & 8, 1946

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ELDER ED DAVIS—Moderator

G. E. KILBY—Clerk

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1946

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year, and was called to order by praise and prayer by Eld. C. N. Tilson, a correspondent from the St. Clairs Bottom Ass'n.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Ed Davis. Text, 2nd Titus, 2nd chapter and 11th verse.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by prayer by Eld. G. L. Walker, a visitor from the Indian Creek Association.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches, and seated the messengers.

2nd. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion, organized the Association by electing Eld. Ed Davis, Moderator, and G. E. Kilby, Clerk.

4th. On motion, called for correspondents from Sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated and aided in council:

From St. Clairs Bottom, none.

From The Mountain, Eld. C. B. Kilby.

From The Abbotts Creek, Eld. D. P. Broadway.

From The Roaring River, Eld. E. A. Long and Bros. D. F. Whittington, Fasco Pruitt.

From The Upper Mayo, none.

From The Fishes River, none.

From The Indian Creek, Elds. B. T. Jenkins and H. P. Slemp.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethren, from Sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated:

From The St. Clairs Bottom: Eld. C. N. Tilson and Bro. J. G. Perry.

From The Mountain: Bro. Bob Gambill.

From The Indian Creek: Elds. G. L. Walker, L. V. Hatcher, and Bros. Arthur Dickson, Elmer Weaver, L. T. Cochran, J. R. Browning.

From The Abbots Creek: Bro. J. W. Williams.

From The Roaring River: Eld. C. D. Hall.

From The Upper Mayo: None.

From The Fishes River: None.

6th. On motion, that we seat the corresponding and visiting brethren from Sister Associations.

7th. On motion, that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during this session. He appointed to the stand today Eld. C. D. Hall.

8th. He appointed a committee on the ministry as follows: Bros. Felix Bare, P. T. McNeill and C. N. Davis, together with the messengers of this Church. For Saturday morning, 1st Eld. G. L. Walker and 2nd Eld. L. V. Hatcher.

9th. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: Bros. W. W. Miller, T. E. Hartzog and F. T. Miller.

10th. Appointed a committee on arrangements as follows:

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Eld. G. D. Roten, Brcs. Tom Severt, J. F. Hartzog, Callie Severt, and B. O. Dolinger. Together with the Moderator and Clerk, transient and visiting brethren to be seated with them.

11th. Appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to Sister Associations as follows: Eld. G. D. Roten; Bros. Carl Ball and J. C. McNeil.

12th. On motion, that the committee on arrangements sit at Bro. W. W. Miller's.

13th. On motion, that we adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1946

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Eld. D. P. Broadway, a correspondent from the Abbotts Creek Association.

1st—On motion, called on the committee on arrangements to report. Report received and discharged the committee.

2nd. On motion, called the roll and erased absentees.

3rd. On motion, that we omit reading the constitution and rules of decorum.

4th. On motion, that the correspondents that were appointed to Sister Associations report. Received the report and excused those that failed to go.

5th. Called on the committee that was to appoint correspondents to Sister Associations to report. Their report is as follows:

To The Mountain: Eld. Leo V. Bagley and Bros. J. C. McNeil and F. T. Miller.

To The Roaring River: Eld. G. D. Roten and Bros. T. E. Hartzog, J. C. McNeil and Callie Severt.

To The Abbotts Creek: Elds. G. D. Roten and Leo V. Bagley, and Bros. J. C. McNeil and Callie Severt.

To The St. Clairs Bottom: Eld. Ed Davis and Bros. Carl Ball and C. N. Davis.

To The Indian Creek: Eld. Ed Davis and Bros. C. N. Davis and J. F. Hartzog.

To The Upper Mayo: Eld. Ed Davis and Bro. J. C. McNeil.

To The Fishes River: Eld. Ed Davis and Bros. T. E. Hartzog and Tom Severt.

6th. On motion, that we continue to correspond with the New River, Fishes River, Washington, Ebenezer, Ketocton and Powell's Valley Associations by Minutes.

7th. On motion, that we omit printing the Constitution and Rules of Decorum in these Minutes.

8th. On motion, that we appoint the Clerk, Treasurer, to superintend the printing of these minutes, to have 1,000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

9th. On motion, that the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Bear Creek, eight miles southeast of Jefferson, N. C., on Highway No. 16. to commence on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1947, and that Eld. G. D. Roten preach the introductory sermon.

10th. On motion, called on the Finance Committee to report.

The report is as follows:

Carried over from last year	$ 4.50	
Rec'd. from all our churches	166.20	
TOTAL	$170.70	
Allowed the Moderator		$ 10.00
Allowed the Clerk		10.00
Allowed for printing Minutes and postage		50.00
Allowed for Correspondents		100.70
TOTAL		$170.70

Given at Stand on Sunday for correspondents and visiting Elders, by Brethren, Sisters and Friends ---------- $132.50

11th. On motion that we have the obituary of Bro. Alex Miller printed in these minutes.

12th. On motion, that the Minute be received.

13th. On motion, that we return thanks to God for His mercy and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session and that we adjourn with prayer by Eld. B. T. Jenkins.

ELD. ED DAVIS, Moderator.
G. E. KILBY, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Ed Davis. Text—2nd Titus, 2nd chapter and 11th verse.

For Friday at Stand: Eld. C. D. Hall, Text, 2nd Timothy, 2nd chapter and 2nd verse.

For Friday night at North Fork: 1st., Eld. E. A. Long. Text: The 69th Psalm of David and 18th verse. 2nd, Eld. C. N. Tilson. Text: Fsalms, 66th chapter and 16th verse.

For Friday night at Beaver Creek. 1st., Eld. H. V. Slemp. Text: Romans, the 9th chapter and 16th verse. 2nd., Eld. D. P. Broadway. Text: Father glorify Thy Son, etc.

For Saturday: 1st., Eld. G. L. Walker. Didn't get text. 2nd., Eld. L. V. Hatcher. Didn't get text. 3rd., Eld. D. P. Broadway. Text: St. John, 5th chapter and 25th verse.

For Saturday night at North Fork: 1st., Eld. H. V. Slemp. No special text. 2nd., Eld. C. B. Kilby. Text: I'm not ashamed of the Gospel, etc.

For Sunday: 1st., Eld. C. N. Tilson. Text: John, the 3rd chapter and 16th verse. 2nd., Eld. B. T. Jenkins. Text: James, the 2nd chapter and 14th verse. 3rd., Eld. C. B. Kilby. Text: The 1st Chronicles, 21st chapter and 13th verse.

The Moderator to close.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Eld. Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Eld. G. D. Roten	West Jefferson, N. C.
Eld. Blair Kilby	Rugby, Va.
Eld. Leo V. Bagley	Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Church and No. of Minutes	Clerks and their P. O.
Senter—35	Rex P. Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—60	F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Bear Creek—35	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek—35	P. T. McNeill, West Jefferson, N. C.
River View—30	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—65	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pond Mountain—85	J. H. Eldreth, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Horse Creek—45	Carl Ball, Lansing. N. C.
Big Helton—85	W. L. Perry, Whitetop, Va.
South Fork—25	Kemper Douglass, Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and No. of Minutes	Clerks and their P. O.
St. Clairs Bottom—30	Eld. C. R. Dancy, Marion, Va., Rt. 1
Mountain—50	J. M. Rector, Galax, Va., Rt. 1
Indian Creek—60	J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.
New River—50	Eld. J. S. Harris, Willis, Va.
Fishes River—50	G. J. Keys, Ararat, N. C.
Washington—40	M. C. Sutherland, Haysi, Va.
Ketocton—30	Eld. C. W. Miller, Roselyn, Va., Box 86
Ebenezer—20	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powell's Valley—30	Dewey Burnette, Knoxville, Tenn.
Abbotts Creek—25	T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.
Upper Mayo—25	J. W. Moorfield, 618 W. 28th St., Winston-Salem, N. C.
Roaring River—20	Fosco Pruitt, Laurel Springs, N. C.

Obituary

OF ALEX B. MILLER
IDLEWILD, N. C.

Alex B. Miller was born Dec. 19, 1860, died Feb. 10, 1945, making his stay on earth 84 years, 1 month, 21 days.

He was married to Elizabeth Miller Dec. 1881, and to this union was born 5 children, 1 boy, Hamp Miller, of Idlewild, N. C.; 4 girls, Mrs. Clem Miller, of Obids, N. .C.; Mrs. Bazel Bare, of Wagoner, N. C.; Miss Maggie Miller, of Idlewild, N. C.; and Mrs. O. Hartzog, of Concord, Tenn.

Later he was married to Mary Ann Whittington, in March, 1897, and to this union was born 4 children: Webb Miller, of Bristol, Va.; Fender Miller, Othello, N. C.; 2 preceded him in death. One brother, W. S. Miller, Concord, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. J. F. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Beaver Creek in August, 1893, and in 1898 he got a letter of dismission and was one of the constituting members of River View Church. He lived a consistent member until death, always filling his seat as long as he was able to go. He was loved by all who knew him. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.

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SENTER—Felix Bare, Harley Blevins and John Reeves. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	70	$19.00
ROANS CREEK—F. T. Miller, Tom Severt and Fred Weaver. Pastor, Elder Ed Davis	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	54	17.00
BEAR CREEK—Callie Severt and George Severt. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	5.50
RIVER VIEW—T. E. Hartzog, J. F. Hartzog and Clifford McNeil. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	9.00
NORTH FORK—Elder G. D. Roten, W. W. Miller and B. C. Miller. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	36.50
BIG HELTON—G. E. Kilby and B. O. Dolinger. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and Blair Kilby	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	35.00
HORSE CREEK —Carl Ball, Millard Davis and Arthur Eldreth. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	5.00
POND MOUNTAIN—Elder Ed Davis, J. H. Eldreth and C. N. Davis. Pastor, Elder Ed Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	67	17.50
SOUTH FORK—Kemper Douglass. Pastor, Elder Leo V. Bagley	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		3.00
BEAVER CREEK—P. T. McNeil, B. R. Dillard and Woodrow Burgess. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis, G. D. Roten and Leo V. Bagley	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	30	18.70